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SUBJ: LIPATTI CSCE CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 89700; BUCHAREST 3057

1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN CSCE EXPERT LIPATTI DISCUSSES TRAVEL PLANS, AGENDA, AND INTERLOCUTORS IN RELATION TO HIS MAY 31-JUNE 1 CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. ADCM AND POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON LIPATTI MAY 19 TO DISCUSS TRAVEL PLANS AND AGENDA FOR HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. LIPATTI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY EUGEN POPA OF HIS OFFICE (A FORMER U.S. DESK OFFICER). THEY DEPART BUCHAREST MAY 30 ON PAN AM, ARRIVE NEW YORK 1450 HOURS, THEN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON. AFTER CONSULTATIONS MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, THEY WILL RETURN TO BUCHAREST ON TAROM DEPARTING NEW YORK JUNE 2.

3. LIPATTI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT OPPORTUNITY FOR CSCE CONSULTATION APTN USG, NOTING HE HAS ALREADY CONSULTED WITH NEARLY ALL OTHER FINAL ACT SIGNATORS. AGENDA AS PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT IS FINE. HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS DISCUSSION OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE PER SE--PREPARATORY MEETING, SCENARIOS
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FOR MAIN CONFERENCE, FOLLOW-UP RATHER THAN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF EACH BASKET, ALTHOUGH HE IS PREPARED FOR SUCH TALKS. HE DOES NOT WISH TO DISCUSS U.S.-ROMANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS:
A) U.S. VIEW ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE.
B) U.S. VIEW OF GOAL OF CONFERENCE AND WHAT U.S. SEES

AS DESIRED OUTCOME.

C) U.S. VIEW OF FOLLOW-UP AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN POST-BELGRADE SITUATION.

D) WHETHER U.S. WILL OFFER ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS OR NEW INITIATIVES AT BELGRADE.

E) HOW U.S. SEES THE ORGANIZATION OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE-- E.G. HOW LONG IT SHOULD MEET, HOW IT SHOULD BE STRUCTURED.

4. ADCM NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF CSCE COMMISSION WILL BE INCLUDED IN U.S. DELEGATION TO BELGRADE AND STAFF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY ATTEND SOME OF SESSIONS WITH LIPATTI. ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY NOT OVERJOYED, LIPATTI SAID THAT HE IS GOING TO WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND THAT "WHOMEVER I MEET THERE IS YOUR BUSINESS". HE REJECTED OUR SUGGESTION THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO MEET SOME MEMBERS OF COMMISSION AT LUNCH AS YUGOSLAVS HAD, NOTING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO ESTABLISH A "PRECEDENT" OF DEALING WITH PARLIAMENTARY UNITS. HE AGAIN STRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR A LOW-KEY, WORKING CONSULTATION AT THE EXPERT LEVEL, AND ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE TO SEE ASST. SEC. VEST WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS AN OLD FRIEND. (COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION PREVIOUS DAY, DEP. ASST. SEC. ARMITAGE DESCRIBED ROLE OF US CSCE COMMISSION TO RCP INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI AND SUGGESTED THAT LIPATTI MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL AS YUGOSLAVS HAD TO HAVE SOME CONTACT SUCH AS A LUNCH WITH ITS MEMBERS. ANDREI SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER. WHILE LIPATTI WAS AWARE OF ARMITAGE/ANDREI CONVERSATION, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WAS BRIEFED ON THIS SPECIFIC POINT.)

5. ADCM NOTED THAT REPORTS REACHING US INDICATED THAT LIPATTI BELIEVED U.S. STRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COULD JEOPARDIZE SUCCESS OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE (BUCHAREST 3095). LIPATTI READILY AGREED THAT THIS IS INDEED HIS VIEW AND THAT, WHILE IMPORTANT, HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IS NOT THE ONLY ISSUE AFFECTING EUROPEAN SECURITY. ADCM OUTLINED U.S. VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE, CONCLUDING THAT IN CSCE CONTEXT U.S. STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF ALL BASKETS AND FINAL ACT AS A WHOLE ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY HUMAN RIGHTS HOLDS A SIGNIFICANT POSITION IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

6. COMMENT: PERHAPS MOST COGENT SUMMARY OF ROMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD BELGRADE WAS REMARK BY ANDREI TO ARMITAGE THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND AN ACCOUNTING; IT SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CONCRETE STEPS

TO BE TAKEN POST-BELGRADE TO IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING
ACT, SOMETHING NO ONE SURELY COULD CRITICIZE. LIPATTI'S
DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WILL PRESUMABLY REFLECT THIS
UNDERLYING THEME.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING NAME
OF SENIOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL ACT AS LIPATTI'S
"HOST" DURING TALKS, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO LIPATTI.
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